

HEROES THE KING WE DESERVE

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

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SO WHY ARE THEY ABOUT TO CROWN A KING FOR THEMSELVES?

The Rise of Abimelek (9:1-6)

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Jotham's Curse (9:7-20)

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From Gerizim: May you **GET** what you **DESERVE**.

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WHAT WAS THE CURSE? YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.

Analysis

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They chose a **SELFISH, GODLESS** leader because he
promised to be **ON THEIR SIDE** ...

... so God **DESTROYED THEM ALL**.

GOD USED THAT LEADER TO DESTROY THEM ALL

TAKE IT HOME

AFTER: AM I SUPPORTING THIS LEADER BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT GOD OR BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT ME?

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